



## Lauren Brink Adams

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As a shareholder in the Logistics, Energy and Manufacturing Litigation Group and member of the Advocacy Department, Lauren Brink Adams advises and represents a number of national and international companies in a variety of complex matters.

Ms. Adams advises and represents a broad range of companies in high-exposure commercial litigation and oil and gas matters. Her practice focuses on complex litigation at the district court and appellate levels related to torts to property, including trespass, nuisance, premises liability, and abuse of right claims; negligence and unfair trade practices claims; contract, lease, and servitude disputes; and environmental contamination, subsidence, land loss, and general property damages. This includes legacy lawsuits, Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) lawsuits, Ground Water Act claims, and citizen suits.

Based on her successful representation of clients in bet-the-company litigation, Ms. Adams has been recognized in Rising Stars by Super Lawyers and listed in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* for Commercial Litigation (2021 – 2025) and Environmental Law and Energy Law (2022 – 2025). She proudly serves as a member of the Louisiana State Law Institute Council, Young Leader's Division, and the Code of Civil Procedure Committee, which is dedicated to the revision, reform, and research of Louisiana law.

Before joining Baker Donelson, Ms. Adams served as a judicial extern to U.S. District Court Judge John W. deGravelles of the Middle District of Louisiana in Baton Rouge and as a legislative intern to State Representative Franklin J. Foil (District 70).

### Representative Matters

- Providing ongoing defense of one of the nation's largest aggregates companies in complex state and federal court litigation in connection with a catastrophic subsidence event associated with brine-solution mining operations.
- Providing ongoing and prior successful defense of multiple oil and gas companies in "legacy lawsuits" seeking remediation of alleged surface and subsurface pollution, including alleged groundwater contamination, with alleged damages often exceeding several hundred million dollars.
- Providing ongoing defense of multiple oil and gas companies in Coastal Zone Management Act lawsuits asserted by various parishes and the City of New Orleans, as well as land loss litigation brought by public entities involving more than 30,000 acres of wildlife management area.
- Providing ongoing defense of a multinational telecommunications company in federal class action lawsuits involving lead-sheathed cables and claims of environmental damage.
- Represented a leading midstream pipeline company in pursuit of a \$1.6 billion natural gas gathering project, including the prosecution of antitrust, unfair trade practices, and tort claims, resulting in favorable rulings and both parties' dismissal of claims with prejudice.
- Defended an oilfield waste management facility against claims of alleged surface and subsurface pollution and groundwater contamination, resulting in favorable settlement.
- Defended a leading global provider of disaster response services in high-profile federal court litigation following a Congressional investigation, resulting in a favorable settlement.



## Professional Honors & Activities

- Listed in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* for Commercial Litigation (2021 – 2025); Environmental Law and Energy Law (2022 – 2025)
- Selected to Louisiana Rising Stars in Business Litigation (2024, 2025)
- Member – Louisiana State Law Institute, Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure Committee
- Member – Federal Bar Association, New Orleans Chapter
- Member – New Orleans Bar Association
- Member – Louisiana Bar Association
- Member – American Bar Association



## Publications

- "Court Interprets Indemnities in Purchase and Sale Agreement," *Louisiana Bar Journal*, Vol. 71, No. 3 (October/November 2023)
- "4th Circuit Affirms Defense Judgment in Legacy Lawsuit," *Louisiana Bar Journal*, Vol. 71, No. 2 (August/September 2023)
- "Test Wells and Seismic Surveys," *Louisiana Bar Journal*, Vol. 71, No. 1 (June/July 2023)
- "3rd Circuit Rejects Solidary Liability of Defendant for Fees and Costs Under Act 312," *Louisiana Bar Journal*, Vol. 70, No. 6 (April/May 2023)
- "Article 137 Notice Was Effective," *Louisiana Bar Journal*, Vol. 70, No. 5 (February/March 2023)
- "Third Circuit Holds Defendant Liable Under Act 312 without Liability in Tort or Contract," *Louisiana Bar Journal*, Vol. 69, No. 5 (February 2022)
- Co-author – "Operator's Intent Determined Whether Well was a Unit Well or Lease Well" and "Court Grants Preliminary Injunction Against 'Pause' on Federal Oil and Gas Leasing," Recent Developments, *Louisiana Bar Journal*, Vol. 69, No. 2 (August/September 2021)
- Co-author – "Landowner Not Entitled to Disgorgement of Defendant's Profits as Relief for Trespassing Pipeline," Recent Developments, *Louisiana Bar Journal*, Vol. 69, No. 1 (June/July 2021)
- Co-author – "Company Purchasing Oil from Operator that Committed Trespass Could Invoke Louisiana's Good Faith Purchaser Defense," Recent Developments, *Louisiana Bar Journal*, Vol. 68, No. 6 (April/May 2021)
- "Baker's Dozen: Remembrances of RBG," *Women's Initiative Newsletter* (October 2020)
- "Louisiana Federal Court Rejects Expert Testimony Projecting Lost Revenue for Non-Producing Oil and Gas Well," Institute for Energy Law *Oil and Gas E-Report* (December 2019)
- "Simplifying Expert Testimony Through the Use of Headlines and Themes," Louisiana State Bar Association CLE on "The Song and Art of Persuasion" (2019)
- "The Persuasive Use of Experts," Louisiana State Bar Association CLE on "The Song and Art of Persuasion" (2018)



## Speaking Engagements

- Presenter – "Recent Developments in Oil and Gas Litigation," 68th Mineral Law Institute (April 2021)
- Co-presenter – "Simplifying Expert Testimony with Headlines and Themes," Louisiana State Bar Association's seminar "Playing Their Song: Using Themes and Headlines to Persuade the Jury" (April 2019)



## Education

- Louisiana State University, Paul M. Herbert Law Center, J.D. and Graduate Diploma in Comparative Law, 2016, magna cum laude
  - *Louisiana Law Review* – Junior Associate (Volume 75), Senior Editor (Volume 76)
  - The Order of the Coif
- Louisiana State University, B.A. in Mass Communications, 2013, cum laude



## Admissions

- Louisiana, 2016
- U.S. District Courts for the Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of Louisiana, 2016
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, 2016